

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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Re: United States of America v. Edward Christy, No. CR 10-1534 JB

Dear Counsel of Record:

I want to bring one matter to your attention. I have, with my law clerks, reviewed the Judicial Code of Conduct and do not believe this matter requires me to recuse myself. I want, however, everyone to be fully informed about, and fully comfortable with, my participation in the case.

My twenty-six year old son has threatened suicide over the years since he was a boy and has attempted suicide on several occasions. In 2008, he overdosed or attempted to overdose on antidepressants and/or sleeping pills, usually with alcohol. He has, however, done well or better the last two years, although he remains under the care of a psychologist in New York City, where he is working in a Ph.D. program.

I believe that I can be fair and impartial. If anyone, however, has any questions about the

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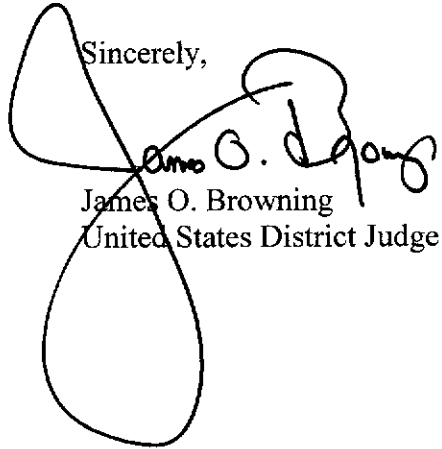
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above, please let my Courtroom Deputy Clerk, K'Aun Wild, know, and we can perhaps have a conference call. I have instructed Mrs. Wild not to tell me who may call. Best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James O. Browning". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop on the left and a smaller loop on the right. It is positioned above the printed name and title.

James O. Browning
United States District Judge